SABRINA MASONI

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EDUCATION

PhD in Foreign Languages and Literatures 10/2025 – current
University of Verona

- English Language and Translation (L-LIN/12)
- Supervisor: Professor Maria Ivana Lorenzetti
- Co-supervisor: Professor Massimiliano Demata
- Research areas: Critical Discourse Analysis; multimodality; political discourse; hate speech; far-right discourse; misogynistic discourse; conspiracy theories; the discursive construction of identity and otherness in polarised socio-political contexts.
- Research period abroad at the University of Valencia under the supervision of Professor Amparo Patricia Bou Franch

Master's Degree in International Studies (LM-52) 09/2022 – 03/2025
University of Torino | Final grade: 110 cum laude/110

- Specialisation in European Studies
- Thesis: *The Representation of Immigrants in American Political Discourse: From George W. Bush to Joe Biden*
- Thesis Supervisor: Professor Massimiliano Demata
- Key fields of study: Discursive Strategies for Political Communication, International Relations, European Studies, Migration Studies
- Certifications: Diploma in Migration Studies
- Erasmus+ Thesis at the University of Valladolid

Bachelor's Degree in Political, Social and International Science (L-36) 09/2019 – 12/2022
University of Bologna | Final grade: 109/110

- Specialisation in International Relations
- Thesis: *Hobbes, the State of Nature, and the Anarchic International System*
- Thesis Supervisor: Professor Giuseppe Sciara
- Key fields of study: Political Science, Law, Economics, International Relations, Social Studies, Statistics, Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
- Erasmus+ Semester at Panteion University of Athens

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Research Mobility Grant funded by the University of Torino** 02/2025 – 03/2025
  Awarded for thesis research abroad at the University of Valladolid. Conducted research under the supervision of Professor Laura Filardo Llamas, focusing on a comparative analysis of political discourse on immigration by four U.S. Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden), as part of the main thesis project.

- **Erasmus + Study Grant** 02/2022 – 07/2022
  Selected for the Erasmus+ programme during undergraduate studies. Spent one semester at Panteion University in Athens, attending courses in EU law and International Relations.

SPECIALISED TRAINING

Participation in the CDA Spring Course organised by the Centre of Discourse Studies, offering a practical introduction to Critical Discourse Analysis (22/05/2025 – 26/06/2025)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- **Paper presentation, CADAAD (Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines) Conference** 08/07/2026
  University of Valladolid
  Presented a paper on the discursive strategies employed by men's rights advocates to delegitimise feminism and construct male victimisation.

- **Paper presentation, Languaging Diversity International Conference** 03/12/2025
  University of Chieti-Pescara
  Presented a paper on the discursive representations of immigrants by four U.S. Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden).

- **Paper presentation, LINDES Seminars** 21/03/2025
  University of Salamanca
  Presented a paper based on selected findings from my MA thesis at the Seminar organised by the LINDES (Linguistic Descriptions of English) Research Group at the University of Salamanca. The paper focused on the comparative analysis of the representations of immigrants discursively constructed by four U.S. Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden).

- **Paper presentation** 27/02/2025
  University of Valladolid
  Presented a paper based on selected findings from my MA thesis to a group of staff members.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Internship – Commission for the Recognition of International Protection 06/2023 – 08/2023
Territorial Commission, Torino, Italy

- Supported all phases of the international protection procedure: case preparation, hearings, statement verification, COI research and drafting of final decisions
- Assessed the credibility of applicants' accounts and their integration status in Italy, applying national and EU legal standards
- Gained practical knowledge of asylum law, procedural challenges and legislative updates
- Managed emotional involvement during hearings, maintaining professional detachment and impartiality

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VOLUNTEERING

Academic support and integration activities for second-generation minors at Sermig (Youth Missionary Service) 01/2024 – 01/2025
Torino, Italy

- Assisted children and teenagers of immigrant background with homework and language support
- Organised educational and recreational activities to promote integration, socialisation and personal development
- Collaborated with educators and volunteers to create an inclusive environment respectful of cultural diversity

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SKILLS

Languages: English (C2), French (B2), Italian (Native)
Soft Skills: Critical Thinking, Flexibility, Effective Communication, Problem Solving, Teamwork, Attention to details.
Tools/Software: STATA, AntConc, Sketch Engine, Microsoft Office Suite, Canva, Social Media.